

Table 20 A. Meeting Basic Needs by Social Characteristics: Households with Difficulty Meeting Basic Needs Who Received Help, Received Help From Family, Received Help From Friends, and Received Help From Others: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Any help meeting basic needs	Help from family-basic needs	Help from friends-basic needs	Help from others-basic needs
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Households with difficulty					
Total	17,794	19.2	4.1	1.3	1.5
Age of householder					
15 to 29	3,226	21.2	5.3	1.3	1.2
30 to 44	7,591	19.2	3.8	1.3	1.4
45 to 64	5,363	18.1	2.8	1.2	1.4
65 or older	1,615	18.5	7.4	1.5	3.3
Sex of householder					
Male	8,106	15.8	3.1	1.2	1.1
Female	9,687	22.0	4.9	1.4	1.9
Race of householder					
White	13,349	18.2	4.0	1.2	1.2
Black	3,793	22.3	4.6	1.5	2.0
Other	652	20.0	2.9	1.0	6.4
Ethnicity of householder					
Hispanic	2,312	19.9	2.8	2.3	1.8
White non-Hispanic	11,317	17.9	4.1	1.0	1.2
Household structure					
Non-family alone	4,476	21.5	5.3	1.5	2.1
Non-family with others	734	14.5	3.3	3.9	0.8
Married, no children	2,422	14.6	3.9	0.3	1.4
Married with children	4,782	14.5	2.3	0.7	1.0
Unmarried, no children	1,138	20.7	4.1	1.8	0.8
Unmarried with children	4,242	25.0	5.0	1.7	2.0
Householder disability					
Disabled	3,412	27.4	3.9	1.4	2.3
Not disabled	14,382	17.2	4.1	1.3	1.4
Health insurance coverage					
Not insured	7,410	20.9	3.6	1.6	0.8
Insured	10,384	17.9	4.4	1.1	2.0
Housing tenure					
Home owner	8,215	15.6	3.6	0.7	1.2
Renter	9,579	22.2	4.5	1.8	1.8

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